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1. EMBOFFS RECENTLY MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADIAN AND BRITISH HICOMS AND PHILIPPINE EMBASSY. CANADIAN HICOM OFFICER DESCRIBED RECENT DISCUSSION WITH TING WENG LIAN, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, UN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, OF MFA. SHE SAID BOTH MFA AND MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT MALAYSIAN ACCESSION TO ALL THREE CONVENTIONS AND THERE IS NO POLITICAL REASON FOR THE DELAY. HOWEVER, SIGNATURE OF THE MONTREAL AND TOKYO CONVENTIONS NEEDS CABINET APPROVAL AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS HAS NOT YET REQUESTED THE CABINET TO DO SO. AS THIS SITUATION HAS EXISTED FOR ALMOST A YEAR, ACCORDING TO TING, MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, PHILIPPINE EMBASSY WAS STILL UNISTRUCTED CONFIDENTIAL

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APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF A REVIEW OF PHILIPPINE CIVIL AVIATION POLICY CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN AT THE INSTRUCTION OF PRIME MINISTER MARCOS. BRITISH HICOM DOES NOT WANT TO PUSH THE MATTER ANY FURTHER AS THEY ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOM OVER MAS LANDING RIGHTS IN LONDON AND MALAYSIAN OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FOR THE CONCORDE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE CONTACT GROUP THOUGHT THE CANADIANS SHOULD CALL ON THE

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MFA AND WE SHOULD CALL ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. MFA CALL WILL PROBABLY BE MADE BY CANADIAN HICOMM DURING HIS FAREWELL CALLS OVER THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. MILLER

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